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## **ASSEMBLY, No. 198**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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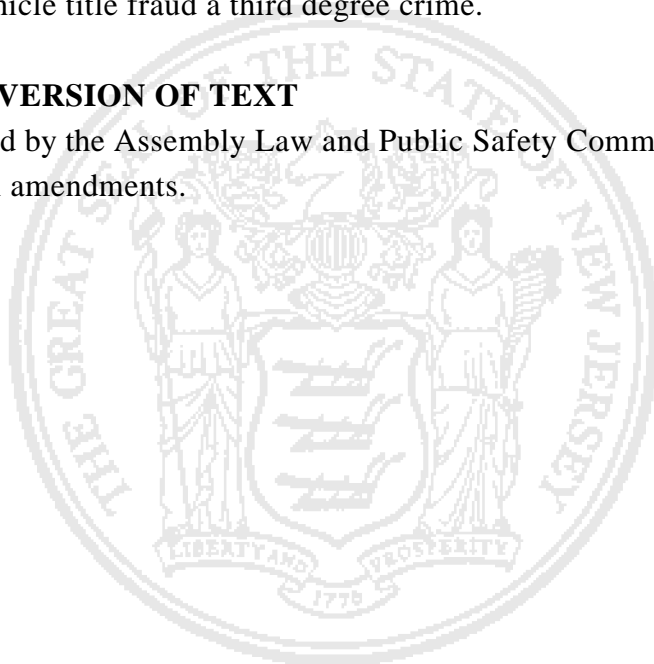
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**SYNOPSIS**

Makes vehicle title fraud a third degree crime.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee on March 4, 2002, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicle titles, amending R.S.39:10-24 and  
 2 supplementing chapter 21 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

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 4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
 5 *of New Jersey:*

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 7 1. R.S.39:10-24 is amended to read as follows:

8 39:10-24. A person who[:

9 a. Knowingly] <sup>1</sup>purposely or<sup>1</sup> knowingly <sup>1</sup>[or willfully]<sup>1</sup> violates  
 10 a provision of this chapter for which [does not provide for] a specific  
 11 penalty[;

12 b. Knowingly or willfully makes a misrepresentation or false  
 13 statement in any title papers or other papers submitted to the  
 14 commissioner in connection therewith;

15 c. Purchases, receives or obtains a motor vehicle on a title paper  
 16 in violation of this chapter;

17 d. Forges, changes or counterfeits a part of title papers;

18 e. Misrepresents a number placed on a motor vehicle by the  
 19 manufacturer, or in any other manner misrepresents the description of  
 20 a motor vehicle; or

21 f. Uses title papers on or for a wrong motor vehicle, with intent to  
 22 evade or violate the requirements of this chapter,

23 Shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine not  
 24 exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) or by imprisonment not  
 25 exceeding two years, or both, at the court's discretion, and shall  
 26 immediately return the title papers involved to the commissioner] is  
 27 not provided herein shall be subject to the penalty provided in section  
 28 2 of P.L. c. (C. ) (now pending before the Legislature as this  
 29 bill).

30 (cf: P.L.1946, c.136, s.20)

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32 2. (New section) a. A person who <sup>1</sup>purposely or<sup>1</sup> knowingly <sup>1</sup>[or  
 33 willfully]<sup>1</sup> violates a provision of chapter 10 of Title 39 of the Revised  
 34 Statutes, for which a specific penalty is not provided in that chapter or  
 35 this section, shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

36 b. A person who <sup>1</sup>purposely or<sup>1</sup> knowingly <sup>1</sup>[or willfully]<sup>1</sup>  
 37 commits the following violations of chapter 10 of Title 39 of the  
 38 Revised Statutes shall be guilty of a crime of the third degree:

39 (1) <sup>1</sup>[Knowingly or willfully makes] Makes<sup>1</sup> a misrepresentation or  
 40 false statement in any title papers or other papers submitted to the  
 41 Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles in connection therewith;

**EXPLANATION** - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not  
 enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Assembly ALP committee amendments adopted March 4, 2002.

- 1       (2) Purchases, receives or obtains a motor vehicle on a title paper  
2 in violation of chapter 10 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes;  
3       (3) Forges, changes or counterfeits a part of title papers;  
4       (4) Misrepresents a number placed on a motor vehicle by the  
5 manufacturer, or in any other manner misrepresents the description of  
6 a motor vehicle; or  
7       (5) Uses title papers on or for a wrong motor vehicle, with intent  
8 to evade or violate the requirements of chapter 10 of Title 39 of the  
9 Revised Statutes.  
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11       3. This act shall take effect immediately.